

In reply to the Office Action, applicant hereby amends the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 6, 16, 21 and 27 as follows:

Sub B¹ 6. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising recording, in a multimedia format, the lottery drawings associated with the lotteries in which the user participated.

16. (Amended) The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to record, in a multimedia format, the lottery drawings associated with the lotteries in which the user participated.

21. (Amended) A method for using an interactive wagering application to allow a user to participate in a lottery automatically using user equipment, comprising:
giving the user the ability to specify conditions via the user equipment on which the interactive wagering application is at least partially implemented; and
automatically participating in the lottery on behalf of the user when the conditions have been met.

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27. (Amended) A system for using an interactive wagering application to allow a user to participate in a lottery automatically comprising user equipment configured to:

the user the ability to specify conditions via the user equipment on which the interactive wagering application is at least partially implemented; and automatically participate in the lottery on behalf of the user when the conditions have been met.

Please add the following claims 33-64:

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33. (New) An interactive wagering system in which an interactive wagering application is implemented to allow a user to participate in lottery wagering using user television equipment, comprising:

means for providing a listing of lotteries in which the user can participate on a display; and

means for giving the user the ability to participate in at least one of the lotteries using the user equipment.

34. (New) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for notifying the user that results

to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated are available.

35. (New) The system defined in claim 34 wherein the notification is selected from a group consisting of a pop-up overlay, an icon, an e-mail, an instant message, a pager message, a telephone message, and any combination thereof.

36. (New) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for displaying the results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

37. (New) The system defined in claim 36 further comprising means for indicating whether the user won for each of the lotteries for which results are displayed.

38. (New) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for recording, in a multimedia format, the lottery drawings associated with the lotteries in which the user participated.

39. (New) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for reminding the user of an upcoming lottery drawing associated with at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

40. (New) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for giving the user the ability to generate a lottery gift certificate.

41. (New) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for displaying a user interface to the user to use in creating a wager for at least one of the lotteries, wherein the user interface is customized for each one of the lotteries.

42. (New) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising:

means for creating a wager based on user inputs;

means for giving the user the ability to finalize the wager at a later time; and

means for reminding the user to finalize the wager.

43. (New) A system in which an interactive wagering application is implemented to allow a user to participate in a lottery automatically, comprising:

means for giving the user the ability to specify conditions via the user equipment on which the

interactive wagering application is at least partially implemented; and

means for automatically participating in the lottery on behalf of the user when the conditions have been met.

44. (New) The system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for using a default set of lottery numbers when automatically participating in the lottery.

45. (New) The system defined in claim 44 wherein the default set of lottery numbers are user-specified.

46. (New) The system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for using a set of randomly generated lottery numbers when automatically participating in the lottery.

47. (New) The system defined in claim 43 wherein the conditions are based on factors selected from the group consisting of a period of time from the last time the user participated in the lottery, the lottery prize, odds of winning, and any combination thereof.

48. (New) The system of claim 43 further comprising means to automatically participate in the lottery on behalf of the user every time the lottery is offered.

49. (New) Machine-readable media for use in an interactive wagering system, in which an interactive wagering application that allows a user to participate in lottery wagering is at least partially implemented on user television equipment, wherein the media is encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

providing a listing of lotteries in which the user can participate on a display; and

giving the user the ability to participate in at least one of the lotteries using the user equipment.

50. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for notifying the user that results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated are available.

51. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 50 wherein notification is selected from a group consisting of a pop-up overlay, an icon, an e-mail, an instant message, a pager message, a telephone message, and any combination thereof.

52. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for displaying the results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

53. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 52 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for indicating whether the user won for each of the lotteries for which results are displayed.

54. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for recording, in a multimedia format, the lottery drawings associated with the lotteries in which the user participated.

55. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for reminding the user of an upcoming lottery drawing associated with at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

56. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for giving the user the ability to generate a lottery gift certificate.

57. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for displaying a user interface to the user to use in creating a wager for at least one of the lotteries, wherein the user interface is customized for each one of the lotteries.

58. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for:
creating a wager based on user inputs;
giving the user the ability to finalize the
wager at a later time; and
reminding the user to finalize the wager.

59. (New) Machine-readable media for use in an interactive wagering application system in which is implemented an interactive wagering application that allows a user to participate in a lottery automatically, wherein the machine-readable media is encoded with machine-readable instructions for performing the method comprising:
giving the user the ability to specify
conditions via the user equipment on which the interactive wagering application is at least partially implemented; and
automatically participating in the lottery on behalf of the user when the conditions have been met.

60. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 59 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for using a default set of lottery numbers when automatically participating in the lottery.

61. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 60 wherein the default set of lottery numbers are user-specified.

62. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 59 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for using a set of randomly generated lottery numbers when automatically participating in the lottery.

63. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 59 wherein the conditions are based on factors selected from the group consisting of a period of time from the last time the user participated in the lottery, the lottery prize, odds of winning, and any combination thereof.

64. (New) The machine-readable media of claim 59 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for automatically participating in the lottery on behalf of the user every time the lottery is offered.